

2007 MaryEllen Hatfield School Nursing Scholarship Award

RN Scholarship Award Eligibility Criteria

The MaryEllen Hatfield School Nursing Scholarship Award (RN) will be given annually as funds are available. The amount of the award will be dependent upon funding. The award to be presented at the 2007 Annual School Nurse Conference will be in the amount of \$500.

To be eligible, the registered nurse applying for the scholarship award must:

- ✓ Have a current and valid nursing license.
- ✓ Be currently practicing nursing in a school setting (K-12) in South Carolina.
- ✓ Be currently enrolled in a BSN program or a graduate program in Nursing or Public Health and have successfully completed 10 hours of undergraduate work towards a BSN or 12 hours of graduate course work.
- ✓ Be a current member of a professional organization.
- ✓ Have future career goals that include making a contribution to school nursing.

Note: Applicants may receive the scholarship award more than one time; however, preference will be given to applicants who have never received the scholarship award.

All complete nomination packets received by the deadline date will be considered for the Award. The State School Health Nurse Consultant will appoint a Selection Committee, comprised of five school nurses. The Selection Committee members, acting with complete regard for confidentiality, will consider all of the applications received by the deadline date. Each member of the Selection Committee will individually and independently review each application and select the applicant that s/he feels is most deserving of the scholarship award. Each Selection Committee member will submit the name of his/her choice for the MaryEllen Hatfield School Nursing Scholarship Award to the State School Health Nurse Consultant. Votes will be tabulated to determine the recipient of the award. The results of the count will be reported to the Annual School Nurse Conference Planning Committee and the South Carolina Nurses Foundation (SCNF). Upon the approval of the Conference Planning Committee and the SCNF, the scholarship award recipient and other applicants will be notified of the decision of the Selection Committee. The award recipient will receive the scholarship award check and be formally recognized during the Awards Luncheon at the SC Annual School Nurse Conference on November 15, 2007 at the Embassy Suites Hotel / Airport Convention Center in North Charleston, SC. Conference attendance is not required in order to receive the scholarship award.

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RN Scholarship Award Application

Due: September 1, 2007

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Current Employer: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Employer's Phone Number: _____

Name and Address of college/university where currently enrolled: _____

Name of program in which currently enrolled (i.e., BSN, Community Health Nursing, MPH): _____

Hours Completed: _____ Current GPA: _____ Expected date of graduation: _____

SEND THE FOLLOWING ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION FORM:

- ____ 1. Two letters of reference (at least one from a current or past employer).
- ____ 2. Proof of enrollment (e.g., transcript, registrar's letter).
- ____ 3. A statement describing what you like about school nursing and how furthering your education will assist you in improving services to school-aged children and youth (up to two pages, one inch margins, 12 point font, double spaced, must be typed).
- ____ 4. Evidence of current membership in a professional organization.
- ____ 5. Provide a copy of your nursing license.

***PLEASE SUBMIT five (5) copies and the original application packet by
September 1, 2007***

Note: Five copies of the full application packet including all requested documentation and the original application packet must be received by the date shown above in order for your application to be considered. No faxed copies will be accepted.

Send To: **MaryEllen Hatfield Scholarship Award**
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